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# PREPARING FOR WAR ON HOUSE OF LORDS

Do Battle for Its Rights.

### PEERS' ACTION BRINGS CRISIS

Parliament Will Be Prorogued To-Morrow and Campaign Begun-Struggle Will Be One of Most Interesting in England's History - Lords Will Go on Stump.

### Land Holdings of Dukes

The second secon	
Duke. Succession.	Acres.
Norfolk, fifteenth	40,000
Somerset, fifteenth	25,400
Richmond, seventh	280,500
Grafton, seventh Wo	n't tell
Beaufort, ninthand	52,000
St. Albans, eleventh	9,000
Leeds, tenth	24,300
Bedford, eleventh	84,000
Devonshire, eighth	186,000
Marlborough, pinth	19,683
Rutland, eighth	62,000
Hamilton, thirteenth	157,000
Buccleuch, sixth	460,000
Argyll, ninth	
Atholl, seventh	202,000
Montrose, fifth	115,000
Roxburghe, eighth	60,500
Portland, sixth	183,200
Manchester, ninth	70,000
Newcastle, seventh	35,000
Northumberland, seventh	1000000
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ONDON, December 1,—It is officially announced that Parliament will be prorogued Friday next,

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# British Commons Will SIZZLING LETTERS FROM FRANK GOULD

Bessie Van Dorn Makes Public Extracts From Warm Epistles.

SHE TALKS UNDER OATH

Actress Suing Millionaire for Breach of Promise-Former Virginia Girl.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NEW YORK, December 1,—miss Bessie Van Dorn, formerly of Fredericksburg, Va., known on the stage as Bessie DeVoic, who is suing Frank Gonid for \$200,000 for breach of promise, sent for reporters to-night and gave out the following statement, which was sworn to before a notary public with much sole nnity in an uptown apartment:

"I, Bessie Van Dorn, known professionally as Bessie DeVoie, wish to make this battement, the first I nave publicly made, and in justice to myself I make it under oath.

"I am sure Mr. Gould will not deny that we were engaged to be married, [Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

The day before Mr. Gould's departure for Europe."

Then follow extracts from letters which Miss Van Dorn says were written to her by Mr. Gould. Some of them are as follows.

"I am so looking forward to the time when I can belong to you and nave foul for my wife. . . If I did this it is could be settled very quickly in three or four months at the most. Any other way would take so much longer than ever sipposed, but, Dearest, you are vorth waiting for."

Warm Epistics.

GRYING REFORMS

ARE POINTED OUT MAN Changes in Organization United States Army De

worth waiting for."

Warm Episties.

"The following are extracts from letters written to me by Mr. Gould during the trial of Mrs. Ben Teal, which will explain my silence at that time:

I shall certainly, as I have already told you, do everything I can to correct the siander which has been thrown on you who are so innocent. There are certain persons who would unhest tatingly use you regardless of anything but their own ends, and these we must beat and bring to justice. Please don't be discouraged, and whatever I do is because I believe it best for you."

"I am so sorry you were upset last night, but I know you have been through so much lately, and when I thought it over came to the conclusion it was remarkable that you had stood everything the way you had. What I have done and will do, you can depend on it, will be done for your best interests. If I could only have seen ou you would have understood. As It Is, you must have faith. Everything is coming cut all right in the end, and you must trust me.

"My reason for making this statement under oath is that Mr. Gould told me the day before he sailed that, should I attempt vindication, no judge would believe anything I said, because I was sure there were people who had known me who would speak for me, and ne replied that they would not be believed either, because they were in the threatrical profession, too."

A mysterious woman, who said she was Mrs. Graham, received the reporters at the door and requested that Warm Episties.

### LEADERS IN ENGLAND'S BUDGET FIGHT



of Killing Her Young

# ARE POINTED OUT

Many Changes in Organization of United States Army Declared Necessary.

### SECRETARY MAKES REPORT

Co-Operation of Militia and Regulars and Post Rearrangement Urged.

## Business in Northwest Is Rapidly Coming to Standstill.

Miss Virginia Wardlaw Accused

# PASSPORTS HANDED SENOR RODRIGUEZ

# YOAKUM SYNDICATE PURCHASES'FRISCO

Western Road Severs Its Connection With Rock Island Company.

ALLIANCE WITH HAWLEY?

Believed That Railway World's New Comet Will Benefit From Deal.

NEW YORK, December 1 .- Six thou-

NEW YORK, December 1.—Six thousand, five nundred miles of railroad, forming the St. Louis and San Francisco Railway Company, generally known as the Frisco, changed hands in New York to-day by its severance from the Rock Island Company, with which it was merged in 1903.

The purchasers are B. F. Yoakum, former chairman of the 'Frisco-Rock Island board, and E. L. Winchell, former president of the Rock Island, who now becomes president of the 'Frisco, It is understood in addition that Messrs. Winchell and Yoakum have as their associates in the deal some of the leading capitalists of the Middle West, including Adolphus Busch and

All Diplomatic Relations With Nicaragua Are Severed.

### ZELAYA BRANDED AS A MALEFACTOR

State Department Announces That It Will Hold Him Personally Responsible for Killing of Americans. Note Is Practically Declaration of War.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 1,
-- Secretary of State Knox late
to-day returned the passports unique situation of one government holding the chief executive of another practically as a common malefactor. Zelaya is brandeg-as a violator of sel-cma international conventions, a dis-turber of the national and interna-tional mages.

Personally Responsible.

Secretary Knox virtually announces the recognition of the Nicaraguan revolutionists, declares it to be the conviction of the United States that the revolution represents the senti-

peatedly and flagrantly violated the provisions of the conventions, and by a baleful influence upon Honduras, whose neutrality the conventions were to assure, has sought to discredit those sacred international obligations to the great detriment of Costa Rica, Salvador and Guatemala, whose governments meanwhile appear to have been able patiently to strive for the loyal support of the engagements so solemnly undertaken at Washington under the auspices of the United States and Mexico.

It is equally a matter of common knowledge that under the regime of President Zelaya, republican institutions have ceased in Nicaragua to exist except in name; that public opinion and the press have been throttled, and that prison has been throttled, and that prison has been the reward of any tendency to real patriotism. My consideration for you personaw impels me to abstrain from unnecessary discussion of the painful details of a regime which unfortunately has been a blot upon the history of Nicaragua and a discouragement to a group of republics whose aspirations need only the opportunity of free and honest government.

In view of the interests of the United States and of its relation to the Washington convention, appeal against this situation has long since been made to this government by a majority of the Central American republics. There is now added the appeal, through the revolution of a great body of the Nicaraguan people.

Two American, who, this government is now convinced, were officers connected with the revolutionary forces and therefore entitled to be dealt with according to the enlightened practice of civilized nations, have been killed by direct order of President Zelaya, Their execution is said to have been menaced. There is thus a sinject order of President Zelaya, Their execution of an administration also characterized by a cruelity to its own citizens, which has until the recent outrage, found went in the case of this country in a succession of petty annoyances and indignities which many months are